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1. TURKISH "OBSERVER" GUVENDIREN TELEPHONED APRIL 5 TO EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT THE RESULTS OF MONDAY'S NEGOTIATING SESSION IN VIENNA. HE SAID THE CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS HAD "TURNED A CRUCIAL CORNER", AND THE GREEKS COULD NO LONGER SAY THEY HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION ON THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION. THE GREEKS NOW KNOW THE SIZE OF THE PILL THEY WILL HAVE TO SWALLOW IF THEY WANT A SETTLEMENT. THIS IN ITSELF IS USEFUL, FOR THE GREEKS MUST BEGIN THE PROCESS OF EDUCATING THEIR OWN PEOPLE TO THE DIMENSIONS OF THEIR CURRENT DIFFICULTIES.

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2. GUVENDIRIN SAID HE THOUGHT THERE COULD BE ONE OF TWO MORE MEETINGS ON THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION IN VIENNA. FOR THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, HE HAD ADVISED ONAN TO RESPOND AS FULLY AND COOPERATIVELY

AS POSSIBLE TO PAPADOPOULOS' QUESTIONS, AND DIRECT QUESTIONS HIMSELF AIMED AT GETTING THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO TELL WHAT THEIR MINIMAL TERRITORIAL REQUIREMENTS WERE WITH RESPECT TO REFUGEE RETURN, LAND HOLDINGS, ETC. GUVENDIRIN SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT AT SOME POINT THE DISCUSSION MIGHT TURN TO THE THREE PRINCIPALS OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT AND FREEDOM OF PROPERTY. ALL POST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. GUVENDIREN SAID HE HAD ADVISED ONAN TO PRESENT HIS VIEWS ON THESE SUBJECTS AS MILDLY AS POSSIBLE, LEAVING ROOM OPEN FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION IN NICOSIA AND AN "EVOLUTIONARY" ACCOMMODATION TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. ONAN HAD GRUMBLED AND THOUGHT IT BEST TO AVOID THE ENTIRE SUBJECT IN VIENNA. IN FACT, GUVENDIREN SAID, HE WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED THAT THE ISSUE HAD NOT YET BEEN RAISED. MEEHAN

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